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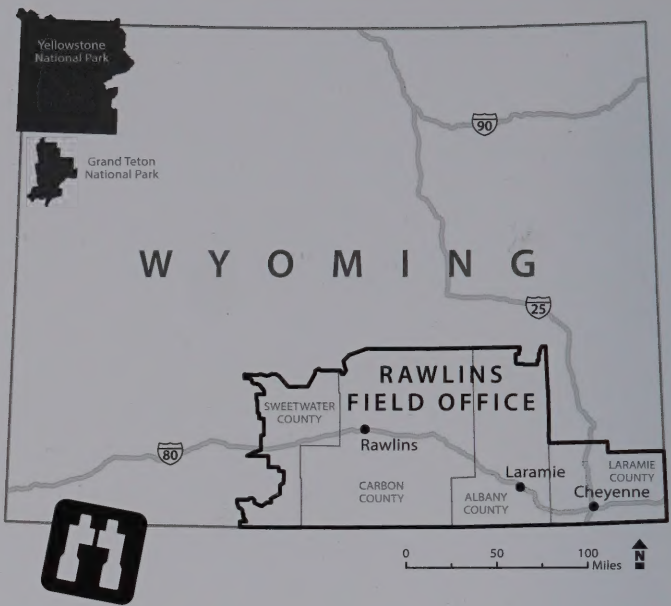
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BIRDS OF SOUTHEASTERN WYOMING

This checklist encompasses all of south-central and southeastern Wyoming within the area managed by the Rawlins Field Office in the Bureau of Land Management's High Desert District. This area includes all of Laramie, Albany, and Carbon Counties and the eastern portion of Sweetwater County, encompassing about 4 million acres of public lands. Diverse and scenic mountain uplifts, dramatic river canyons, large reservoirs, badlands, rolling sagebrush, and grasslands form some of the most distinctive features in the area.

The region is characterized by gently rolling sagebrush-dominated prairie, interspersed with pockets of lodgepole pine and Douglas fir, aspen and conifer, and limberpine and juniper woodlands. Among the sagebrush communities are areas of greasewood, saltbush, riparian meadows, and grasslands. Upland drainages or woody draws provide stringers of deciduous woodlands dominated by cottonwood and aspen. Higher elevation mountain foothills provide areas of mountain shrubs, primarily true mountain mahogany, bitterbrush, and snowberry. River bottom forests are dominated by cottonwood. This diverse complex of habitat types supports birds that are year-round residents, birds that are summer residents, and neotropical migratory birds.

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ABUNDANCE DEFINITIONS

- Ab** Abundant; occurs in large numbers and is easily observed because of its habits and conspicuousness.
- Cm** Common; occurs in large numbers.
- U** Uncommon; occurs in low numbers.
- R** Rare; may occur somewhere in the region but in low numbers.
- Uk** Unknown species whose existence within Wyoming is verified but insufficient information is available to determine abundance.
- Co** Controlled species that currently exists in Wyoming only with human assistance.

SEASONAL STATUS DEFINITIONS

- Re** Resident species that inhabits Wyoming year-round.
- Sr** Summer resident species that inhabits Wyoming during the summer breeding season (June–August) and migrates out of the state during the nonbreeding season.
- Wr** Winter resident species that inhabits Wyoming during winter (especially January) but is absent during the summer.
- M** Migrant species found in Wyoming only during spring and/or autumn migration.
- Ac** Accidental species; unusual visitor that is out of the species' normal range of occurrence.
- Pe** Peripheral species whose range extends only into a small portion of Wyoming.
- Ud** Undetermined species that occurs in Wyoming, but its seasonal status is uncertain.

FEDERAL AND STATE STATUS DEFINITIONS

Populations of many species of birds are declining. Those with special conservation needs are identified as follows:

- E** Federally listed endangered species in Wyoming.
- T** Federally listed threatened species in Wyoming.
- C** Candidate species for federal listing as threatened or endangered somewhere in its range.
- S** BLM state sensitive species that may become a candidate species for federal listing as threatened or endangered in the future.
- N** Neotropical migratory birds that winter in Mexico, tropical America, or outside the Americas and may be impacted by destruction of those winter habitats.
- NSS1** Priority 1 species populations are greatly restricted or declining—extirpation appears possible (Wyoming Game and Fish designation).
- NSS2** Priority 2 species populations are declining or restricted in numbers and/or distribution—extirpation is not imminent (Wyoming Game and Fish designation).
- NSS3** Priority 3 species are widely distributed; population status and trends are unknown but are suspected to be stable (Wyoming Game and Fish designation).
- NSS4** Priority 4 species populations are stable or increasing and not restricted in numbers and/or distribution (Wyoming Game and Fish designation.)
- NSSU** Undetermined; species' existence within Wyoming is verified but insufficient information is available to determine state status.
- GB** Game bird.
- GBNS** Game bird, no season.

Obs. Date	Species	Status	Abundance by Seasonal Status				Other
			Re	Sr	Wr	M	Ac, Pe, Ud
Loons and Grebes							
	Common Loon	NSS1, N		U			
	Pied-billed Grebe	N		Cm			
	Horned Grebe	N		U			
	Red-necked Grebe	N		R			
	Eared Grebe	N		Cm			
	Western Grebe	NSSU, N		Cm			
	Clark's Grebe	NSSU, N		U			
Pelicans and Cormorants							
	American White Pelican	NSS4, N		Cm			
	Double-crested Cormorant	N		Cm			
Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns							
	American Bittern	NSS3, N		U			
	Great Blue Heron	NSS4, N		Cm			
	Great Egret	N					R
	Snowy Egret	NSS3, N		R			
	Little Blue Heron	N					Ac, R
	Cattle Egret	NSS3, N		R			
	Green Heron	N				R	Ac
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	NSS3, N		U			
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	N					Ac, R
Ibises							
	White-faced Ibis	S, NSS3, N		U			
Swans, Geese, and Ducks							
	Tundra Swan	GBNS, N			U		
	Trumpeter Swan	S, NSS2, N	U				
	Greater White-fronted Goose	GB, N				R	
	Canada Goose	GB, N	Ab				
	Snow Goose	GB, N				U	
	Ross's Goose	GB, N				U	
	Wood Duck	GB, N		Cm			
	Green-winged Teal	GB, N	Ab				
	Mallard	GB, N	Ab				
	Northern Pintail	GB, N	Ab				
	Blue-winged Teal	GB, N		Cm			
	Cinnamon Teal	GB, N		Cm			
	Northern Shoveler	GB, N		Cm			
	Gadwall	GB, N	Ab				

Cinnamon Teal



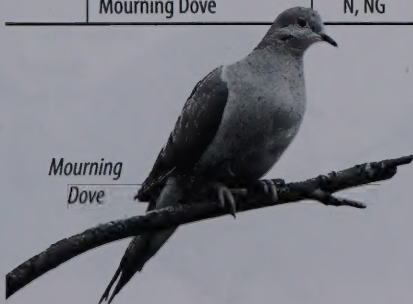
Canada Geese



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			Re	Sr	Wr	M	Ac, Pe, Ud
Swans, Geese, and Ducks (continued)							
	Eurasian Wigeon	GB, N					Ac, R
	American Wigeon	GB, N	Ab				
	Canvasback	GB, N		U			
	Redhead	GB, N		Cm			
	Ring-necked Duck	GB, N		Cm			
	Tufted Duck	GB, N					Ac, R
	Greater Scaup	GB, N				R	
	Lesser Scaup	GB, N		Cm			
	Harlequin Duck	NSS3, N		U			
	Long-tailed Duck	GB, N				R	
	Black Scoter	GB, N					Ac, R
	Surf Scoter	GB, N				R	
	White-winged Scoter	GB, N				U	
	Common Goldeneye	GB, N	Cm				
	Barrow's Goldeneye	GB, N	Cm				
	Bufflehead	GB, N	U				
	Hooded Merganser	GB, N	U				
	Common Merganser	GB, N	Cm				
	Red-breasted Merganser	GB, N		U			
	Ruddy Duck	GB, N		Cm			
Vultures							
	Turkey Vulture	N		Cm	Cm		
Hawks, Kites, and Eagles							
	Osprey	N		Cm			
	White-tailed kite	N					Ac, R
	Bald Eagle	S, NSS3, N	U				
	Northern Harrier	N		Cm			
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	N		Cm			
	Cooper's Hawk	N		Cm			
	Northern Goshawk	N, S, NSSU	Cm				
	Broad-winged Hawk	N		R			
	Swainson's Hawk	N, NSSU		Cm			
	Red-tailed Hawk	N	Cm				
	Ferruginous Hawk	N, S, NSS4		Cm			
	Rough-legged Hawk	N			Cm		
	Golden Eagle	N, NSS4	Cm				
Falcons							
	American Kestrel	N, NSS4		Cm			
	Merlin	N, NSSU	U				
	Peregrine Falcon	S, N, NSS3	U				
	Gyrfalcon	N			R		
	Prairie Falcon	N	Cm				

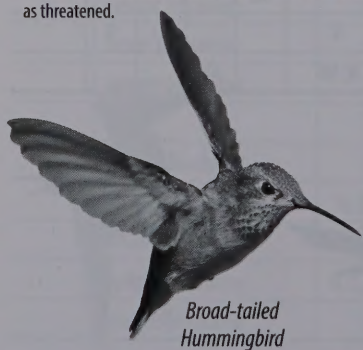
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Pheasants, Grouses, and Quails							
	Gray Partridge	GB	U				
	Chukar	GB	Cm				
	Ring-necked Pheasant	GB	Cm				
	Dusky Grouse	GB	Cm				
	White-tailed Ptarmigan	GBNS	R				
	Ruffed Grouse	GB	Cm				
	Greater Sage-Grouse	S, GB, NSS4	Cm				
	Greater Prairie-Chicken	GB					Ac, R
	Sharp-tailed Grouse (Columbian)	S, NSS4	Cm				
	Sharp-tailed Grouse (Plains)	GB	Cm				
	Wild Turkey	GB	Cm				
	Northern Bobwhite	GB	U				
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots							
	Virginia Rail	NSSU, N		Uk			
	Sora	GB, N		Cm			
	Purple Gallinule	GB, N					Ac, R
	Common Gallinule	GB, N					Ac, R
	American Coot	GB, N		Ab			
Cranes							
	Sandhill Crane	GB, N		Cm			
	Whooping Crane	E, N					Co
Plovers							
	Black-bellied Plover	N				U	
	American Golden-Plover	N				R	
	Snowy Plover	NSSU, N		R			
	Semipalmated Plover	N				U	
	Piping Plover	N, T				R	
	Killdeer	N		Ab			
	Mountain Plover	S, N, NSSU		U			
Avocets and Stilts							
	Black-necked Stilt	N		U			
	American Avocet	N		Cm			
Sandpipers and Allies							
	Greater Yellowlegs	N				Cm	
	Lesser Yellowlegs	N				Cm	
	Solitary Sandpiper	N				Cm	
	Willet	N		Cm			
	Spotted Sandpiper	N		Cm			
	Upland Sandpiper	N, NSSU		U			
	Whimbrel	N				R	
	Long-billed Curlew	N, S, NSS3		U			
	Hudsonian Godwit	N				R	

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Sandpipers and Allies (continued)							
	Marbled Godwit	N				U	
	Ruddy Turnstone	N				R	
	Red Knot	N				R	
	Sanderling	N				U	
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	N				U	
	Western Sandpiper	N				U	
	Least Sandpiper	N				Cm	
	White-rumped Sandpiper	N				R	
	Baird's Sandpiper	N				Cm	
	Pectoral Sandpiper	N				U	
	Dunlin	N				R	
	Stilt Sandpiper	N				U	
	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	N				R	
	Short-billed Dowitcher	N				R	
	Long-billed Dowitcher	N				Cm	
	Wilson's Snipe	GB, N		Cm			
	Wilson's Phalarope	N		Cm			
	Red-necked Phalarope	N				U	
Gulls, Terns, and Allies							
	Parasitic Jaeger	N					Ac, R
	Franklin's Gull	NSSU, N		Cm			
	Black-headed Gull	N					Ac, R
	Bonaparte's Gull	N				U	
	Ring-billed Gull	N		Cm			
	California Gull	N		Cm			
	Herring Gull	N				R	
	Glaucous Gull	N					Ac, R
	Sabine's Gull	N				R	
	Caspian Tern	NSS3, N		U			
	Common Tern	N				U	
	Forster's Tern	NSS3, N		Cm			
	Black Tern	NSS3, N		U			
Auks, Murres, Puffins, and Guillemots							
	Ancient Murrelet	N					Ac, R
Pigeons and Doves							
	Rock Pigeon		Ab				
	Band-tailed Pigeon	N				R	
	Mourning Dove	N, NG		Ab			



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Cuckoos							
	Black-billed Cuckoo	N, NSS4		U			
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo ¹	N, S, NSSU		U			
Barn Owls							
	Barn Owl	N		U			
Typical Owls							
	Flammulated Owl	N, NSSU		R			
	Eastern Screech-Owl	N	U				
	Great Horned Owl	N	Cm				
	Snowy Owl	N			R		
	Northern Pygmy-Owl	NSSU, N	R				
	Burrowing Owl	N, S, NSSU		U			
	Great Gray Owl	NSSU, N	R				
	Long-eared Owl	N	Cm				
	Short-eared Owl	N, NSS4	Cm				
	Boreal Owl	N, NSS3	U				
	Northern Saw-whet Owl	N	U				
Nightjars							
	Common Nighthawk	N, NSS4		Ab			
	Common Poorwill	N		U			
Swifts							
	Black Swift	N					Ud, Uk
	Chimney Swift	N		R			
	White-throated Swift	N		Cm			
Hummingbirds							
	Black-chinned Hummingbird	N, NSSU		U			
	Calliope Hummingbird	N, NSS4		Cm			
	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	N		Cm			
	Rufous Hummingbird	N, NSS4		U			
Kingfishers							
	Belted Kingfisher	N	Cm				
Woodpeckers							
	Lewis's Woodpecker	N, NSSU		U			
	Red-headed Woodpecker	NSS4, N		U			
	Acorn Woodpecker	N					Ac, R

¹ West of the Continental Divide, this species is considered a unique population segment that is listed as threatened.



Broad-tailed Hummingbird

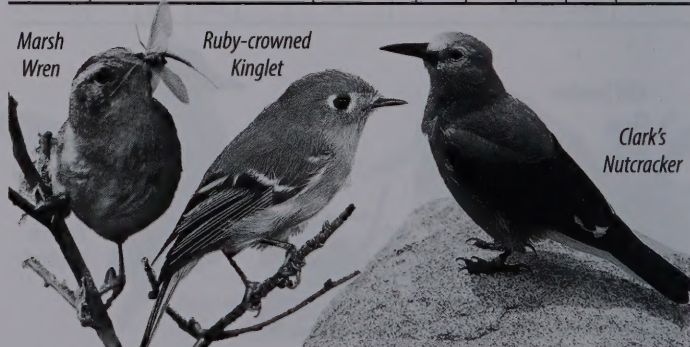


Belted Kingfisher

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			Re	Sr	Wr	M	Ac, Pe, Ud
Woodpeckers (continued)							
	Red-naped Sapsucker	N		Cm			
	Williamson's Sapsucker	NSS3, N		U			
	Downy Woodpecker	N	Cm				
	Hairy Woodpecker	N	Cm				
	American Three-toed Woodpecker	N	U				
	Black-backed Woodpecker	NSSU, N	R				
	Northern Flicker	N	Cm				
Tyrant Flycatchers							
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	N		Cm			
	Western Wood-Pewee	N		Cm			
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	N					Ac, R
	Willow Flycatcher	N, NSS3		Cm			
	Least Flycatcher	N		Cm			
	Hammond's Flycatcher	N		U			
	Dusky Flycatcher	N		Cm			
	Gray Flycatcher	N		Cm			
	Cordilleran Flycatcher	N		Cm			
	Eastern Phoebe	N		Uk			
	Say's Phoebe	N		Cm			
	Ash-throated Flycatcher	N, NSS3		Uk			
	Great Crested Flycatcher	N					Ac, R
	Cassin's Kingbird	N		U			
	Western Kingbird	N		Cm			
	Eastern Kingbird	N		Cm			
	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	N					Ac, R
Larks							
	Horned Lark	N	Ab				
Swallows							
	Purple Martin	N, NSSU		R			
	Tree Swallow	N		Cm			
	Violet-green Swallow	N		Cm			
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	N		Cm			
	Bank Swallow	N		Cm			
	Cliff Swallow	N		Cm			
	Barn Swallow	N		Cm			



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			Re	Sr	Wr	M	Ac, Pe, Ud
Jays, Magpies, and Crows							
	Canada Jay (Gray)	N	Cm				
	Steller's Jay	N	Cm				
	Blue Jay	N	U				
	Woodhouse's Scrub Jay	NSS3, N	U				
	Pinyon Jay	N	U				
	Clark's Nutcracker	NSS4, N	Cm				
	Black-billed Magpie	N	Ab				
	American Crow	N	Cm				
	Common Raven	N	Cm				
Titmice							
	Black-capped Chickadee	N	Cm				
	Mountain Chickadee	N	Cm				
	Juniper Titmouse	NSS3, N	U				
Bushtits							
	Bushtit	NSS3, N		U			
Nuthatches							
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	N	Cm				
	White-breasted Nuthatch	N	Cm				
	Pygmy Nuthatch	NSS3, N	U				
Creepers							
	Brown Creeper	N	Cm				
Wrens							
	Rock Wren	N		Cm			
	Canyon Wren	NSS4, N	U				
	Bewick's Wren	NSS4, N		U			
	House Wren	N		Cm			
	Winter Wren	N				R	
	Sedge Wren	N					Ac, R
	Marsh Wren	N		Cm			
Dippers							
	American Dipper	N	Cm				
Old World Flycatchers and Allies							
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	N	U				
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	N	Cm				
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	N, NSS4		U			
	Eastern Bluebird	N		U			



Marsh Wren

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Clark's Nutcracker

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			Re	Sr	Wr	M	Ac, Pe, Ud
Old World Flycatchers and Allies (continued)							
	Western Bluebird	N		U			
	Mountain Bluebird	N		Cm			
	Townsend's Solitaire	N	Cm				
	Veery	N		U			
	Gray-cheeked Thrush	N				U	
	Swainson's Thrush	N		Cm			
	Hermit Thrush	N		Cm			
	Wood Thrush	N				R	
	American Robin	N	Ab				
	Varied Thrush	N				R	
Mockingbirds and Thrashers							
	Gray Catbird	N		Cm			
	Northern Mockingbird	N		U			
	Sage Thrasher	S, N, NSS4		Cm			
	Brown Thrasher	N		Cm			
Wagtails and Pipits							
	American Pipit	N, NSS4		Cm			
	Sprague's Pipit	N				R	
Waxwings							
	Bohemian Waxwing	N			Cm		
	Cedar Waxwing	N	U				
Shrikes							
	Northern Shrike	N			Cm		
	Loggerhead Shrike	N, S, NSS4		Cm			
Starlings							
	European Starling		Ab				
Vireos							
	Plumbeous Vireo	N		U			
	Warbling Vireo	N		Cm			
	Philadelphia Vireo	N				R	
	Red-eyed Vireo	N, NSS4		U			
	Gray Vireo	NSSU, N		R			
Wood Warblers							
	Golden-winged Warbler	N					Ac, R
	Tennessee Warbler	N				U	
	Orange-crowned Warbler	N		U			
	Nashville Warbler	N				R	
	Virginia's Warbler	N, NSSU		U			
	Northern Parula	N				R	
	Yellow Warbler	N		Ab			
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	N				R	
	Bay-breasted Warbler	N				R	
	Magnolia Warbler	N				R	
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	N				R	

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Wood Warblers (continued)

	Yellow-rumped Warbler	N		Cm			
	Black-throated Gray Warbler	N, NSS4		U			
	Townsend's Warbler	N		U			
	Black-throated Green Warbler	N					Ac, R
	Blackburnian Warbler	N				R	
	Yellow-throated Warbler	N					Ac, R
	Pine Warbler	N					Ac, R
	Palm Warbler	N				R	
	Blackpoll Warbler	N				U	
	Black-and-white Warbler	N				U	
	American Redstart	N		U			
	Prothonotary Warbler	N					Ac, R
	Worm-eating Warbler	N					Ac, R
	Ovenbird	N		U			
	Northern Waterthrush	N				U	
	Kentucky Warbler	N					Ac, R
	MacGillivray's Warbler	N, NSS4		Cm			
	Common Yellowthroat	N, NSS4		Cm			
	Hooded Warbler	N					Ac, R
	Wilson's Warbler	N		Cm			
	Canada Warbler	N					Ac, R
	Yellow-breasted Chat	N		Cm			

Tanagers

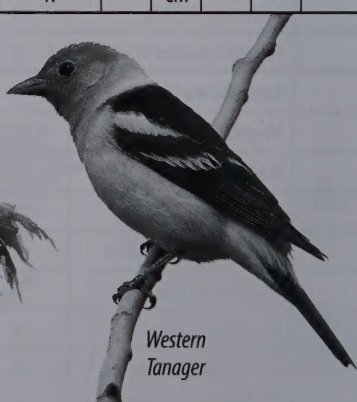
	Hepatic Tanager	N					Ac, R
	Summer Tanager	N				R	
	Scarlet Tanager	N					Ac, R
	Western Tanager	N		Cm			

Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies

	Northern Cardinal	N				R	
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	N		U			
	Black-headed Grosbeak	N		Cm			
	Blue Grosbeak	N, NSS4		R			
	Lazuli Bunting	N		Cm			

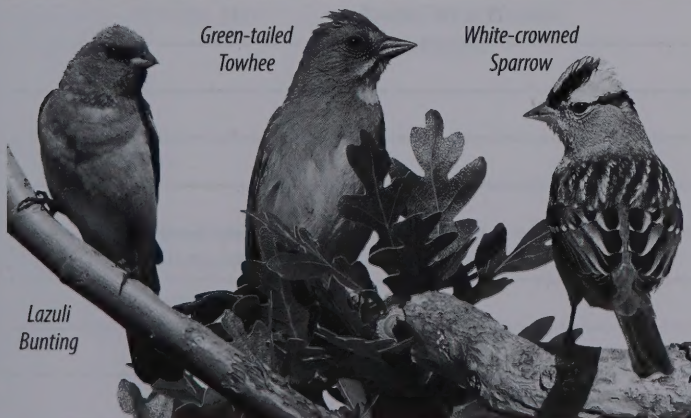


Yellow Warbler



Western Tanager

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Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies (continued)							
	Indigo Bunting	N		U			
	Painted Bunting	N					Ac, R
	Dickcissel	N, NSSU		U			
	Green-tailed Towhee	N		Cm			
	Spotted Towhee	N		Cm			
	American Tree Sparrow	N			U		
	Chipping Sparrow	N		Cm			
	Clay-colored Sparrow	N		U			
	Brewer's Sparrow	S, N, NSS4		Cm			
	Field Sparrow	N		Uk			
	Vesper Sparrow	N		Cm			
	Lark Sparrow	N		Cm			
	Black-throated Sparrow	N		Uk			
	Sagebrush Sparrow	S, N, NSS4		Cm			
	Lark Bunting	N		Ab			
	Savannah Sparrow	N		Cm			
	Baird's Sparrow	S, N, NSS4		U			
	Grasshopper Sparrow	N, NSS4		Cm			
	Fox Sparrow	N	Cm				
	Song Sparrow	N	Cm				
	Lincoln's Sparrow	N		Cm			
	Swamp Sparrow	N				R	
	White-throated Sparrow	N				U	
	White-crowned Sparrow	N		Cm			
	Harris's Sparrow	N			U		
	Dark-eyed Junco	N	Cm				
	McCown's Longspur	N, NSS4		Cm			
	Lapland Longspur	N			U		
	Chestnut-collared Longspur	N, NSS4		U			
	Snow Bunting	N			U		
Blackbirds and Orioles							
	Bobolink	N, NSS4	U	U			
	Red-winged Blackbird	N		Ab			



Lazuli Bunting

Green-tailed Towhee

White-crowned Sparrow

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Please include, if possible, the date and location of the observation and any other pertinent information, such as the types of habitat used by the bird.

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